

TROOPERS REPULSE STRIKERS' ATTACK

Fighting at McKees Rocks Narrows Down.

WORKMEN'S BOAT FIRED ON

Foreman Morris Hill Has Ear Shot Away, and in Charge that Follows Fourteen Are Arrested by Constables—Suit Instituted in Court to Have Strike Settled.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 17.—One fight between strikers and troopers took place today. Morris Hill, general foreman in the erecting department at McKees Rocks, lost part of an ear, having been shot at by a striker last midnight.

The constables made fourteen arrests in the charge that followed, and the men were locked up in freight cars.

During the early morning strikers secured rowboats and landed across the Ohio River at Bellevue, where they hid in the bushes. They waited until 6:30 this morning, until workmen living in Bellevue, north of McKees Rocks, assembled at the landing to be taken over to the works in a launch. A striker waved his handkerchief, and, pointing a revolver at the men in the launch, ordered them to disembark. He was joined by half a dozen other strikers.

Fled to the Hills. The pilot hurriedly pushed the boat out into the stream, and gave the signal to the constables on the south side of the river that the boat was attacked. Chief of Police Farrell and a dozen troopers got into the launches and sought to surround the strikers, who got away to the hills.

In an attempt to have the difficulties between the Pressed Steel Car Company and the employees of that concern settled by the Court of Allegheny County, a bill in equity was filed in Common Pleas Court No. 2, in which the Pressed Steel Company, serving striking employees, representing the entire number now out, and Addison C. Gumbert, sheriff of Allegheny County, are named as defendants. Arrangements are being made to have a preliminary hearing in the case next Monday before the full bench.

Taxpayers Start Suit. The bill was filed by the Public Defense Association in behalf of the Taxpayers' Association of Allegheny County, which bears the expense of the 110 deputy sheriffs sworn in to defend property in McKees Rocks and Stowe township, and which is liable under the law for all property damaged or destroyed during the strike.

While there appears to be no legal precedent for such action, there is a change in view of the striking situation.

The plan that the court will accept the bill and intervene in behalf of life and property.

REPLIES TO CRITICS.

Wickertsham Defends Corporation Tax Amendment of Tariff Bill.

Attorney General Wickertsham has addressed a letter to several firms of public accountants who recently criticized the corporation tax amendment to the tariff bill, which he framed, in which he points out that their criticisms are not only unjust, but have no foundation in fact.

The chief point of attack by the critics was what they called the impossibility of a corporation making a "true account of its profits as required by the proposed law," because the government measures its work by the government fiscal year, while most business houses follow the calendar year.

In reply to this criticism Mr. Wickertsham calls attention to the fact that the proposed law does not mention "profits," the proposed tax being levied upon the net income of the corporation. He further argues that while it may be true that the corporations considerable inconvenience, it is absurd to say that it is impossible for any business house that keeps a proper set of books to do so.

FIND CAUSE OF DEATH.

Insane Man Had Resisted Examination of His Injuries.

Mystery surrounding the death of William Boorman, seventy-three years old, at the Government Hospital for the Insane yesterday morning, was cleared away by Detective Cox yesterday afternoon, acting under instructions from Inspector Boardman.

Boorman was a cook at Fort Myer. He was removed from Georgetown University Hospital to the Government Hospital on June 15 last. His death occurred presumably from pneumonia, but physicians said that Boorman had been injured in some way before he was admitted to the hospital.

Coroner J. Ramsey Nevitt investigated the case and then asked the assistance of the police. Detective Cox learned that Boorman jumped or fell from a second-story window in one of the buildings at Fort Myer about 3 o'clock the morning of June 16. He was removed to Georgetown University Hospital, where it was found he was suffering a fracture of the left ankle, internal and other injuries. The man fought physicians who attempted to examine him, and refused to tell how he was hurt. He remained at the hospital for five days and his peculiar actions aroused the suspicion of physicians.

Examination of his mental condition was made and he was removed to the Government Hospital for the Insane. It is not likely an inquest will be held, as the police are satisfied Boorman met his death from an accident, for which he alone was responsible.

VETERANS ENJOY OUTING.

Spanish War Association Spends Day at Marshall Hall.

The annual excursion of the Spanish War Veterans, under the auspices of the Department of the District, was held at Marshall Hall yesterday, and resulted in a grand success; it was one of the largest excursions the veterans ever held. The chairman of the Santiago Day committee was G. E. Parish. The programme made out consisted mainly of field events planned by the athletic committee, with Benjamin R. Tullman chairman.

The events and the successful entrants are as follows: 100-yard dash, open to all, to R. Wisgoman; 100-yard dash, open to United States veterans, to J. Britton; 100-yard race of 50 yards, Chisholm; 100-yard race of 50 yards, Chisholm; 100-yard race of 50 yards, open to all girls under fourteen years, Miss Hodgson; three-legged race of 50 yards, open to all, Allen and Meakley; potato race of 50 yards, to boys under fourteen years, Muller.

The cup awarded in the rifle match was won by Lawton Camp, and the silver medal donated by E. Voigt for the highest individual score was awarded to S. Ferre.

MORTGAGES TOTAL \$60,000,000.

Western Maryland Papers for Reorganization Plan Filed.

York, Pa., July 17.—Two mortgages which aggregate \$60,000,000, issued by the Western Maryland Railroad Company in its reorganization plans, were today received for record by Recorder Lapp.

One mortgage is for \$10,000,000 general lien and convertible bonds, with the Bowling Green Trust Company, of New York City, as trustee. The other is for the issuing of \$50,000,000 first mortgage bonds, with the Mercantile Trust Company, of New York City, as trustee.

The bonds bears 4 per cent interest, and run for a term of fifty years.

PLEASED WITH PRIZE

W. S. West Lands The Washington Herald Contest.

LETTERS OF PRAISE POUR IN

Victorious Contestants Write to The Washington Herald Expressing Thanks for Their Prizes and Appreciation of the Fair Methods Employed in Conducting Contest.

W. Scott West, of 523 Twenty-second street northwest, in the recent Washington Herald contest pulled \$34,472 votes in District No. 4, bordered by Rock Creek Park, thereby winning second prize, a handsome set of furniture.

The winner is thirty-nine years old, and was born in Montgomery County, Md. He was educated at Andover Small Academy, same State, and came to Washington about 1884. At first he was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company as an operator, and then worked for the Adams Express Company and on a local car line for short periods. Since then he has been elected president of the Beer Drivers' Mutual Benefit Association. He is a member of the Foresters of America, ranking as chief ranger in Court Washington, No. 2.

In reference to The Washington Herald contest, Mr. West said:

"I am greatly pleased with the outcome of the contest, and wish to thank The Washington Herald for the kind attention shown me in my work. I think it was conducted fairly and satisfactorily to all concerned. I wish to say—and this is not from the standpoint of a victor, but of a sincere admirer of the newspaper—that The Washington Herald is the best newspaper in the District."

Letters of praise for The Washington Herald continue to pour into the office of the editor. Below are printed a few of the many letters received, which give a fair idea of the position of The Washington Herald in the minds of the people of the city and vicinity.

F. J. Sobatka Lands.

Washington, D. C., July 9, 1909.

Editor The Washington Herald:

Dear Sir: I wish to express to you and The Washington Herald my very best thanks for the gold watch which I was fortunate to win in the contest just closed.

I can assure you that I am much pleased with it, because it is just what I needed for the contest.

I also wish to thank you for the interest which you have shown in the contest, and for the prizes which you have awarded me. I wish also to state, with others, that I am more than pleased with The Herald, and I am sure that it will continue to be a great success.

Very truly, F. J. SOBATKA.

210 Ontario road.

Maryland Winner.

Sharpsburg, Md., July 14, 1909.

Editor The Washington Herald:

Dear Sir: I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the prize, a suit of furniture, which has been awarded me. I have not as yet had the pleasure of seeing the suit, but I am sure it is a good thing to know it is worth the trouble to get to secure it.

I also wish to thank you for the fairness with which you have dealt with the contestants. I wish also to state, with others, that I am more than pleased with The Herald, and I am sure that it will continue to be a great success.

Very truly, H. P. BATE.

12 Adams street northwest.

J. S. Parker Got Ring.

Washington, D. C., July 10, 1909.

Editor The Washington Herald:

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to The Washington Herald for the prompt delivery of the diamond ring which I won in the contest. I have been interested in The Herald ever since the announcement was made that an independent paper was to be started in Washington, and I have been reading it continuously since the first issue. I believe it to be a good, clean paper, devoted to the interests of the people, and I congratulate you upon the success it has attained. Again thanking you and wishing you continued success, I am, yours very sincerely,

J. S. PARKER.

WILL TEST FIELD REDUPTS.

Officers Detailed for Ordnance Experiments at Fort Riley.

There will be a series of important ordnance tests at Fort Riley, Kans., beginning October 1. Seven army officers were yesterday detailed by Secretary of War Dickinson as official observers.

The officers are Col. Montgomery M. Macomb, General Staff; Maj. Samuel R. Reber, Signal Corps; Maj. Joseph E. Kuhn and Thomas H. Rees, Corps of Engineers; Maj. Jay E. Hoffer and John H. Rice, Ordnance Department, and Capt. William I. Westervelt, Ordnance Department.

The experiments are designed to test the efficiency of modern field work in resisting the attack of the latest type of field cannon designed for the army. The redoubt, which was constructed several years ago, during the joint maneuvers in preparation for the tests. Modern high-powered rifles and howitzers will be used. The board of officers will make a report to the General Staff of the army upon the test.

King's Trip Abandoned.

St. Petersburg, July 17.—The visit of King Frederick and Queen Louise of Denmark to St. Petersburg has been abandoned on account of the cholera epidemic in the capital. The Danish ruler and his wife are at Peterhof.

Taft's Insistence MAY BRING VICTORY

Stand for Revision Downward Creates New Hope.

LOW TARIFF MEN JUBILANT

Confident Feeling Exists in Administration Circles that Bill When Enacted Into Law Will Provide for Free Admission of Coal, Oil, Hides, and Iron Ore.

President Taft's insistence on downward tariff revision has produced a situation which his friends hope may bring victory to the President's cause.

In administrative circles and among Congressmen who are keeping in touch with the White House and the tariff conference committee, there is a confident feeling that in spite of an expected temporary setback, more apparent than real, the tariff bill when enacted into law will provide for the free admission of bituminous coal, crude oil, hides, and iron ore.

The President is represented as being optimistic. Yet the same feeling pervades the high-protectionists' camp.

Inclined to Be Jubilant.

Since Friday's developments the tariff atmosphere has cleared. The low-tariff Republicans are inclined to be jubilant.

Mr. Taft had many callers yesterday, most of whom congratulated him on his refusal to make concessions to the twenty-three protection members of the House who bombarded him with tales of woe.

The curious thing about all this is that nobody is making undue personal remarks about the President. Even those who think they have cause for offense are showing a disposition to avoid criticism.

Mr. Taft appears to have the faculty of keeping everybody good-natured.

At this stage of the conference proceeding there is a strong prospect that the conferees will make a report to their respective Houses embodying a partial agreement in the tariff items in controversy.

The understanding is that this partial report will contain an agreement of the conferees with reference to iron ore, coal, hides, and petroleum, and that it will not provide for placing all of these products on the free list without restriction.

The best information obtainable is that this course of the conferees is intended mainly as a means of testing sentiment in the Senate and the House before the conference committee's final report is delivered.

Bound by Pledge.

Mr. Aldrich and the Senate conferees, it is said, are so bound by the pledges made to certain Senators in order to get support of these Senators for the Senate tariff bill, that they feel that they cannot in justice to themselves and these Senators concede the demands of the House conferees for the admission of the products named without the assessment of duty.

There is a confident expectation that the House will reject the partial report of the conferees with respect to raw materials, and will instruct its own representatives on the conference to insist that these materials be admitted free.

In the meantime, President Taft will urge Republican Senators opposed to the admission of raw materials free of duty to abandon their attitude. The expectation among some of those who are aware of what is on foot in this connection is that with the House refusing to consent to a duty on the raw materials named, and the President backing up the stand of the House on the ground that the Republican party is pledged to the downward revision contemplated, enough Republican Senators will be persuaded to vote to reject the partial conference report and to instruct the Senate conferees to make concessions to the House.

What the result will be cannot be predicted with any certainty, but it is significant that members of the administration are inclined to believe that the President and the House will be sustained by the Senate.

It is probable that the tariff bill when enacted into law will not contain provisions for increasing the present duties on certain classes of goods and hosiery.

The House tariff bill provided for such increases, but the Senate declined to follow the House in this connection, and cut these duties in its own bill to the present, or Dingley, rates. The prospect is that the conference committee will agree to the Senate provisions.

One-half Present Duty.

It is not likely, however, that the House duty of \$1 per 1,000 feet on sawed lumber, which is just one-half the present duty, will be recommended by the conference committee. The Senate amended the House provision so as to make the duty \$1.50 per 1,000 feet, or 50 cents less than the present duty.

President Taft was strongly in favor of the House reduction, but certain representations made to the President and the conferees by Southern Congressmen have brought about a change of attitude on the part of those in favor of the one-half reduction.

These representations were to the effect that Southern lumbermen would be injured materially by any reduction in the duty on lumber at this time. Many of them, it was declared, have outstanding promissory notes which they will be unable to pay if the rate of duty is cut to \$1 per 1,000 feet.

These representations have impressed those leaders in favor of the lower rate, and it now appears certain that the Senate rate of \$1.50 per 1,000 feet will prevail.

NEGRO HELD FOR ROBBERY.

John Colwell Arrested on Charge Filed Months Ago.

Accused of perpetrating a hold-up at Fifth street and New York avenue northwest several months ago, John R. Colwell, a negro, thirty years old, was yesterday arrested on the charge of robbery. He is held at the Second precinct station awaiting arraignment in Police Court.

Gerald Ryan, a young man employed by the Associated Press, was returning to his home early one morning last spring when a negro stepped from behind a tree at New York avenue and Fifth street and ordered the youth to throw up his hands. Ryan obeyed the command and the negro went through the pockets of his clothing, obtaining \$1.

The negro escaped.

Two weeks ago Colwell was arrested on suspicion of snatching a pocketbook from a woman who was walking in New York avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets. The case was dismissed when Colwell was arraigned in Police Court. The police say Ryan identified Colwell as the negro who committed the robbery.

MAGNESS' RELEASE MYSTIFIES POLICE

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would not be in New York for several days, but would await the return of her husband in Washington.

Policeman Ricketts' story of several days ago makes things all the more interesting. With several neighbors he went to Higgins place following the pistol shot and discovered that the noise emanated from the already hired Magness mansion.

Policeman Tells of Visit.

"I rushed inside," said the policeman, "and was met at the head of the stairs by a man who was holding a smoking .44 caliber Colt's revolver in his hand. He seemed unstrung. He told me he had seen the shadow of a man walking down the hallway, and that after speaking to him and getting no reply, he had fired and the man had fled out of the back door."

"I searched the house, but could find no trace of the intruder. Since then all of our men have been giving the place special attention, but have not seen the man who made the complaint and fired the revolver."

A. L. Wood, who was near the policeman at the time he entered the house, says that he, too, saw a man in conversation with Ricketts.

Up to midnight last night the man who released yesterday morning, according to the Portsmouth authorities, and who was seen in Washington last Monday, according to the Washington police, had not been in his home. It is rumored that his wife will meet him in New York, and the two will take a trip to some quiet spot where they may escape the noisiness incidental to the husband's release.

Officers Out of Town.

It is a remarkable fact that both of the naval officers who are able officially to confirm the date of Magness' release, and who are the only two men in town able to do so, are out of town. Gen. George F. Elliot left several days ago on a trip to Canada, and Col. C. H. Lauchheimer, acting commandant in Gen. Elliot's absence, was in Baltimore last night, according to the statement given out at the Paragut gunnery school.

In the Marine Barracks it is generally rumored that Magness was released several days before his term had expired.

ARREST FIVE HOLD-UP MEN

Inspectors Capture Alleged Train Robbers.

Had Been Concerned in a Dozen Robberies—Traced to Denver by Postal Officers.

In the five suspects arrested recently at Omaha, Neb., by post-office inspectors, charged with robbery of the Overland Limited near that city some months ago, the Post-office Department now believes it has the gang that has been responsible for nearly a dozen other train hold-ups in the West during the last couple of years.

The inspectors state in their report that they believe these same men engineered the "job" at Hillard, Wash., where, in September, 1907, \$40,000 was taken in registered mail pouches from the Northern Pacific train, and that they are responsible for half a dozen recent hold-ups near Denver, Spokane, and other Western cities.

All five of the desperadoes are known to have lived in the vicinity of Spokane, and it was not until after the discovery of the hold-up at Hillard, Wash., that the criminal "yegs" paraphernalia, together with rifle mail sacks, at South Omaha recently, that the inspectors traced the gang to Denver and connected them with the hold-up near that city on February 12.

Inspectors Mosby, Perkins, Patterson, and Smith were the men who traced the robberies and finally brought the suspects under arrest.

DENIES THERE IS COMPACT.

William Whitman Says No Attempt Has Been Made to "Jam" Wool.

Boston, July 17.—President William Whitman, of the Arlington Mills, denied very strongly the story to the effect that he and other woolmen throughout the country were in a secret compact to "jam the price" of wool upward. In the course of his remarks Mr. Whitman said that the Senate wool and woolen schedules were exactly the same as those in the Dingley law, and have been in force ten years. The advance in prices he lays to the panic of 1907, but says the present price on wool and woolen goods is the same as it was in 1905.

"Those attacks all come," said Mr. Whitman, "from those who distribute our goods, and who are geographically protected against foreign competition."

"Everything that has been done has been with a desire to develop the textile industries of New England. There has never been any secret compact to jam up prices, nor any conspiracy of any name or nature in reference to tariff legislation."

WILL GIVE OUTING.

Members of Freon Club to Visit Chesapeake Beach.

With the largest attendance for more than a year, the Freon Club met at the home of Fren Andersen in L street northwest Thursday evening. The bond of Fren Dr. Killinger as treasurer was approved and he was installed. The chairman of the social committee, Fren Gable, presented his report of the recent trip down the river.

On the invitation of Fren Herbert, a member of the Keemah Canoe Club, the Freon Club decided to hold an informal outing at the former's camp on the Upper Potomac on Thursday evening, July 22. Arrangements were also made for a day's outing of the club at Chesapeake Beach on Saturday, July 24. After the business session refreshments were served.

WAITED 20 YEARS FOR BRIDE.

Harvard Man at Last Weds Singer Whose Health Broke Down.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 17.—In the wedding of Miss Anna Fuller, of Long Beach, and H. Conrad Bierwirth, of the German department at Harvard University, which took place at Azusa, a suburb of this city, yesterday, a romance extending over two continents and more than a score of years was brought to a happy culmination.

Miss Fuller and Prof. Bierwirth met in Berlin twenty-one years ago and two years later became engaged. She was then completing her musical education, with the promise of a brilliant operatic career before her. When about to make her debut in a German opera, she broke down in health and returned to America. She came to California two years ago. Recently she recovered and the long-delayed marriage was arranged. Through all the years in which they were forced to remain apart Miss Fuller always insisted that her sweetheart's place be set at the table for every meal.

AEROPLANE SOARS SIXTEEN MINUTES

Orville Wright Hands Blow to His Traducers.

MAKES SIXTEEN CIRCUITS

Longest Flight of Present Biplane Concludes Early Because of Bearings Becoming Heated—Lincoln Beachey Witnesses Flight—Crowd of Spectators Applaud Aviators.

Orville Wright handed a body blow to his traducers yesterday afternoon at Fort Myer, when, after one unsuccessful attempt, he rose into the air and made the longest flight yet placed to the credit of the present aeroplane.

A beautiful landing was made after the machine had stayed up sixteen minutes and fifty-three seconds, and made a hundred yards less than sixteen circuits of the parade ground.

Orville and Wilbur said the flight was brought to an end to prevent the bearings from becoming heated. To Dr. Zahn, of the Catholic University, secretary of the Washington Aero Club, Orville said before the start that he intended to stay up only fifteen minutes. As the machine was being wheeled back to the shed he said it was under perfect control while in the air, and responded quickly and accurately to the slightest touch on the levers.

May Increase Length.

"As the bearings become worn into smooth running order," he said, "I shall increase the length of the flights."

Yesterday's performance breaks the best record previously made by this machine, on July 2, by four minutes and fifty-three seconds.

Among the first to greet the two aviators after the flight was Senator Culberson, who presented his little daughter.

"The only objection she had," said the Senator, "was that both of you didn't go up."

The brothers bowed an acknowledgment.

"That will come later," said Wilbur.

The day was perfect. The clouds, which were of the good-natured sort, ranged themselves in strange, fantastic, and beautiful contortions, through which the sun's rays sprayed out as they seldom do outside of a picture in "Paradise Lost."

Against such a background the great white bird showed vividly as it swept about the parade ground, cutting circles larger than any made up to this time. In the intervals before and between the flights the cavalry band played everything from "The Stars and Stripes" to the most syncopated and cacophonous "rag."

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